[Mr. K. K. Kartha]

(*d*) This does not arise in view of answer to part (*c*).

(*e*) No.

(*f*) No.

(*g*) Yes. On Thirukalyanam day only.

(*h*) No.

(*i*) No.

MR. BRAHMAPURAM P. YESUDIAN : கல்லியாணமண்டபத்தில் காட் டிரிருசங்கள் வருகின்றன என்பது கவர்மெண்டாருக்குத் தெரியுமா?

MR. K. K. KARTHA : That is a new question. I claim notice.

MR. BRAHMAPURAM P. YESUDIAN : ஜனநெருக்கத்தால் பஜனமண்டபம் கல்லியாணமண்டபம் இவ்விடங்களில் ஜனங்கள் போய் தங்கி ஆகாரா தி கள் முடித்துக்கொள்ள வசதியில்லை என்பது தெரியுமா?

MR. K. K. KARTHA : ഒക്കണം പുറത്തുനിന്നും പാകംചെയ്തു കഴിക്കണ തുകൊണ്ട് തരക്കേടൊന്നുമില്ല.

MR. BRAHMAPURAM P. YESUDIAN : மழைகாலத்தில் ஜனங்கள் சொம் பக் கஷ்டப்படுகிறார்கள் என்பது கவர்மெண்டாருக்குத் தெரியவில்லையா?

MR. K. K. KARTHA : അധികം താമസിക്കാതെ കുറെ സമയം തൊഴ തിട്ട് പോകയാണ് നല്ലത്.

Paruthiyil bridge.

549. *MR. K. A. MATHEW : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that the Paruthiyil bridge (പരുത്തി യിൽപാലം) on the Idakad Market to T. R. road via Kaleekal ferry in Kurriannur, Tiruvella taluk, which was constructed by the P. W. D. some years back is now in a ruined condition and unsuitable for traffic?

MR. K. K. KARTHA : Yes; the bridge was originally constructed by the ryots.

MR. K. A. MATHEW : May I know from the Government what steps they propose to take for repairing this bridge?

MR. K. K. KARTHA : That is a bridge constructed by the P. W. D. out of the Ryots Roads funds and it has been repaired by Government at a cost of Rs. 3,000. Government are taking action for repairing the bridge further.

MR. K. A. MATHEW : May I take it that the bridge will be reconstructed as early as possible?

MR. K. K. KARTHA : That is the idea.

Veterinary institutions in the State.

550. *MR. K. R. NARAYANAN : Will the Government be pleased to state the number of animals treated per month in each Veterinary institution in the State from Chingom to the end of Edavom 1120?

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MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Director of Agriculture*) : A statement is laid on the Secretary's table.

MR P. K. KURIAKOSE : May I know the number of Veterinary institutions in the State?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : There are 17 Veterinary hospitals and 9 Stockmens' Stations.

Transport of plantains.

551. *MR. K. BALAKRISHNA MENON (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware that plantains are not allowed to be transported from Cochin ;

(*b*) if so, whether they are aware of the fact that the Ernakulam markets are served by the agriculturists of Central and Northern Travancore for their supply of plantains ;

(*c*) whether they are aware of the fact that the Northern taluk of Parur and portions of Kunnatnad have to depend upon Ernakulam market for their supply of plantains ; and

(*d*) if the answers to parts (*a*) and (*b*) are in the affirmative, what action they have taken in the matter ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : (*a*) to (*c*) Government have no information.

(*d*) In view of the answer to parts (*a*) to (*c*), the question does not arise.

Agricultural Department.

552. *MR. K. VARGHESE ITHAC : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any experiments are carried on for seed selection by the Agricultural Department ;

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, to what extent they have succeeded in selecting paddy seeds meant to withstand the rigours of monsoons and of drought ;

(*c*) whether they are aware of any variety of cocoanut trees in Travancore bearing an annual yield of 500 nuts and above per tree ; and

(*d*) if they are aware whether any attempt has been made to collect nuts from those species of trees for distribution ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Improved seeds of "Chettivirippu" and "Ptb. 2" strains evolved in the Paddy Breeding Station at Monkompu and G. E. B. 24 and Adt. 13 selected in the Paddy Breeding Station at Adoor are able to withstand the rigours of monsoon and drought better than the cultivators' seeds.

(*c*) and (*d*) No. However attempts have been made to select nuts from good bearing trees which yield about 200 nuts per year.

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